

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

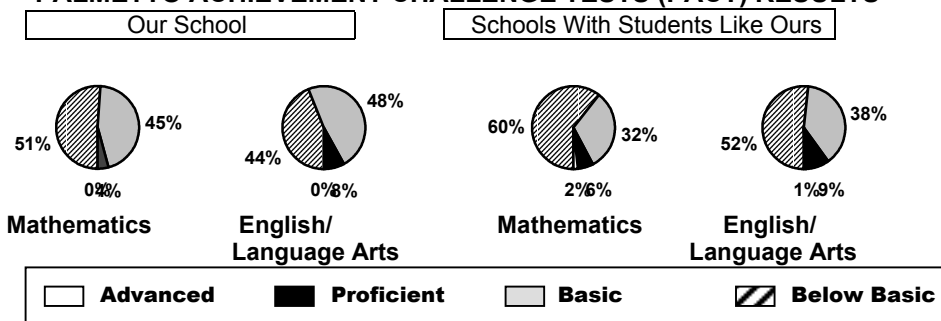
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 18. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating Below Average Improvement Rating Below Average
2002
2003
2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=98)	56.1%	49%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=93)	57%	51.6%		
Gender				
Male (n=47)	46.8%	47.8%		
Female (n=51)	64.7%	53.1%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=95)	55.8%	50%		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=96)	55.2%	49.5%		
Pay for lunch (n=2)	N/A	N/A		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,767	N/A	\$6,868	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	84.4%	Down from 88.5%	86.5%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23 to 1	N/A	20.9 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=447)				
• Attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.7%	95.6%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.1%	N/A	13.2%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	4.2%	N/A	10.5%	4.0%
• Retention rate	8.8%	Up from 6.7%	10.5%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=33)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Up from 7.6	7.1 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	94.3%	Down from 95.2%	93.6%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	30.3%	Up from 25.8%	46.3%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	No change	68.8%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	5%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.8%	Down from 87.4%	78.6%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,853	Up 5.5%	\$36,924	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	Down from 2.5%	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	46.2%	N/A	60.5%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	2	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	78.8%	N/A	76.6%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	46.7%	Down from 50%	46.7%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	11.2%	Down from 13.3%	11.2%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	6	N/A	6	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	18%	N/A	8.9%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	12.2%	Down from 14.3%	5.7%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	12.2%	Up from 7.5%	16.4%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year at Scott's Branch High School. Our students showed improvement academically and artistically. They engaged in a number of service activities and set an example for students in other schools in our area. Among our accomplishments are the following:

1. Seniors were offered more than \$1.2 million in scholarships.
2. 31.9% of our seniors graduated with honors.
3. Our Drama Program presented two exceptional programs for the community.
4. All of our Athletic Teams participated in playoff competition.
5. The average SAT scores increased by 36 points.
6. Our Marching Eagles Band participated in the Disney Magic Music Days.

Every field trip and academic competition attended by our students generated positive comments regarding our students' excellent social skills. We have challenges to meet to continue improving our standardized test scores. Some initiatives we began were teacher specialists to assist our teachers, new technological devices to aid student learning and increase teachers' productivity with administrative tasks, new SAT software, additional academic incentives, and staff development on integrating the standards into the curriculum. Scott's Branch High School will continue to make every effort to help our students advance academically, artistically, in the field of athletics, and socially. We look forward to increased parent and community involvement.

William D. Hamilton

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	65.6	71.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	78.1	84.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	40.6	88.2	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 8-12 Middle School

Enrollment: 447 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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